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As a user of Microsoft products, specifically the Windows Operating system I do not feel that the proposed settlement is a fair remedy for the illegal activities that Microsoft was found guilty of committing.

Contrary to Microsoft's current spin on the matter, they were found guilty and the verdict was upheld by the appellate court. The only question open is that of a fair remedy. I feel that the remedy proposed by the current DOJ is based on political considerations and not what is fair for users and the country as a whole.

One argument put forth by the supporters of Microsoft is that it is in the 'national interest' that they not have harsh remedies applied. With the rapid reduction in the cost of computer components the operating system is becoming one of the most expensive 'part' of a modern computer. If Microsoft was not allowed to maintain the monopoly it has on operating systems, costs to consumers, including businesses, would be reduced, increasing profits throughout the economy.

Any remedy needs to address the ability of purchasers of computers be allowed to reduce their costs by not buying Windows when they purchase a new computer. Also sanctions must be put in place to prevent Microsoft from extending their operating system monopoly to other areas, such as the Internet.

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